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News Headline: Officials downstream from Colorado mine spill demand answers |

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Local officials in towns downstream from where millions of gallons of mine waste spilled into a southwest Colorado river are demanding answers about possible long-term threats to the water supply.

Colorado and New Mexico declared stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers to be disaster areas as the orange-colored waste stream made its way downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah after the spill Wednesday at the abandoned Gold King mine near Silverton, Colorado.

The 3 million gallons of mine waste included high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals. Workers with the EPA accidentally unleashed the spill as they inspected the abandoned mine site.

EPA officials said Monday that there was no leading edge of contamination visible in downstream sections of the San Juan River or Lake Powell. But that has done little to ease concerns or quell the anger caused by the spill.

The Navajo Nation, which covers parts of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona, declared an emergency as it shut down water intake systems and stopped diverting water from the San Juan River.

Members of the tribal council were frustrated during a special meeting Monday and echoed the sentiment of New Mexico and Utah officials that the federal government needs to be held accountable.

Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes discussed the legal implications with his New Mexico counterpart, Hector Balderas, and planned to hold a similar call with Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, Reyes' office said Monday.

"We hope to work with our sister states to ensure our citizens are protected and whatever remediation is necessary occurs as quickly as possible," Reyes said in a statement. "We will continue to evaluate the legal issues as we receive data and monitor the effects on our communities."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said the governor is disappointed in the EPA's initial handling of the spill but the state has no plans for legal action.

The EPA has said the contaminants were rolling too fast to be an immediate health threat. Experts and federal environmental officials say they expect the river system to dilute the heavy metals before they pose a longer-term threat.

The EPA said stretches of the rivers would be closed for drinking water, recreation and other uses at least through Aug. 17.

Dissolved iron in the waste turned the long plume an alarming orange-yellow - a look familiar to old-time miners who call it "yellow boy" - so "the water appears worse aesthetically than it actually is, in terms of health," said Ron Cohen, a civil and environmental engineering professor at the Colorado School of Mines.

Tests show some of the metals have settled to the bottom and would dissolve only if conditions became acidic, which isn't likely, Cohen said.

The best course for the EPA would be to leave the metals where they settle, he said, noting that next spring's mountain snowmelt would help dilute the contaminants further and flush them downstream.

No die-off of wildlife along the river has yet been detected. Federal officials say all but one of a test batch of fingerling trout deliberately exposed to the water survived over the weekend.

As a precaution, state and federal officials along the river system have ordered public water systems to turn off intake valves as the plume passes. Boaters and fishing groups have been told to avoid affected stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers, which are crowded with rafters and anglers in a normal summer.

Recreational businesses along the rivers said they were losing thousands of dollars.

"We had lots of trips booked. Right now we're just canceling by the day," said Drew Beezley, co-owner of 4 Corners Whitewater in Durango, Colorado.

He said his company has had to cancel 20 rafting trips so far, and his dozen employees are out of work until the river is deemed safe to enter again.

"We don't really know what the future holds yet," said Beezley, who estimates that he's lost about \$10,000 worth of business since the spill last week. "We don't know if the rest of this season is just scrapped."

The EPA has considered adding a section of the Animas River in Colorado as a Superfund cleanup site at least since the 1990s because heavy metals from Gold King

and other defunct mines were killing fish and other species.

The designation would have brought federal clean-up funds, but some in Colorado opposed the move in part because of the stigma attached. The EPA agreed to allow local officials to lead clean-up efforts instead.

Knickmeyer reported from San Francisco. AP writers Lindsay Whitehurst in Salt Lake City, Ivan Moreno and Thomas Peipert in Denver, and Susan Montoya Bryan in Albuquerque, New Mexico, contributed to this story.

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Outlet Full Name: Associated Press Online

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Outlet Full Name: New York Times Online

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News Headline: Environmental Agency Uncorks Its Own Toxic Spill |

Outlet Full Name: New York Times, The

News Text: DURANGO, Colo. -- The Animas River is the cultural soul of this patch of southwestern Colorado, a sort of moving Main Street that hosts multiple floating parades a year and is typically bustling with rafters and kayakers. Schoolchildren study the river. Sweethearts marry on its banks. Its former name, given by Spaniards, is el Río de las Ánimas, the River of Souls.

But since Wednesday, the Animas has been grievously polluted with toxic water spilled from one of the many abandoned mines that pockmark the region -- a spill for which the Environmental Protection Agency has claimed responsibility, saying it accidentally breached a store of chemical-laced water.

On Sunday, anger over the spill boiled over after the agency announced that the amount of toxic water released was three times what was previously stated -- more than three million gallons rather than one million -- and that officials were still unsure if there was a health threat to humans or animals.

The day of that announcement, State Senator Ellen Roberts, a Republican who lives near the river, cried softly as she considered the pollution, adding that she had dropped her father's ashes in the depths of the river, which pollutants had turned into an unnatural-looking yellow-orange ribbon.

"It is not just a scenic destination," Ms. Roberts said. "It is where people literally raise their children. It is where the farmers and ranchers feed their livestock, which in turn feeds the people. We're isolated from Denver through the mountains, and we are pretty resourceful people. But if you take away our water supply, we're left with virtually no way to move forward."

On Monday, Gov. John W. Hickenlooper released \$500,000 in funds for assistance. The City of Durango and La Plata County have declared states of emergency.

Soon after the spill was detected, city officials stopped pumping water from the Animas into the reservoir that provides drinking water for Durango's 17,000 residents -- taking action swiftly enough that the contamination did not reach the drinking supply. The reservoir still receives water from the Florida River, a tributary of the Animas, but the city has asked local residents to conserve so that the reservoir does not get too low.

Most people living outside the city use wells, and officials say about 1,000 residential water wells could be contaminated.

The river is closed indefinitely, and the county sheriff has hastily recast his campaign signs into posters warning river visitors to stay out of the water. The yellow plume has traveled down to New Mexico -- where officials in several municipalities have stopped pumping river water into drinking water systems, fearing contamination -- and to the Navajo Nation.

Testing by the E.P.A. -- an agency typically in the position of responding to toxic disasters, not causing them -- found that the wastewater spill caused levels of arsenic, lead and other metals to spike in the Animas River.

On the day of the accident, a team from the agency had been investigating an abandoned mine about 50 miles north of here. Called the Gold King, it is roughly 1.5 miles long and about 700 feet tall at its highest point. The mine had been abandoned for nearly a century, but between roughly 1890 and 1920 it produced 350,000 ounces of high-grade gold, according to its owner.

For years, the Gold King has leaked toxic water at a rate of 50 to 250 gallons a minute. The agency had planned to find the source of the leak in the hope of one day stanching it. Instead, as workers used a backhoe to hack at loose material, a surprise deluge of orange water ripped through, spilling into Cement Creek and flowing into the Animas. The burst did not injure workers.

In his first interview since the spill, the owner of the mine, Todd Hennis, said the spill was probably the fault of another mine company -- the Sunnyside Gold Corporation -- that had built retention walls inside an abandoned mine near the Gold King, part of an old cleanup agreement with the federal government. Once the Sunnyside mine filled with wastewater, the water probably spilled into the Gold King, and then into the Animas, Mr. Hennis said.

He urged Sunnyside's parent company, the Kinross Gold Corporation, to clean up the mess. "They've got to step forward and be responsible," he said of Kinross. A spokesman for Sunnyside, Larry Perino, said the company had no role in Gold King spill.

Since the 1870s, metal mining has both enriched and poisoned this region, turning the earth under portions of southwest Colorado into a maze of tunnels and leaving behind shuttered sites oozing with chemicals. There are about 200 abandoned mines in the Animas watershed. Sunnyside was the last to close, in 1991.

On Sunday night, residents packed a school auditorium in Durango for a meeting with the E.P.A.'s regional director, Shaun McGrath. During a public comment session that lasted more than two hours, residents flouted a sign on the wall that instructed the auditorium's typical patrons -- middle schoolers -- to refrain from calling out, jumping up or insulting others during assemblies.

Shouts rang out. A few people cried. One resident questioned whether the agency had refashioned itself into the "Environmental Pollution Agency." Others demanded to know what would happen to wildlife, livestock, water wells, sediment and river-based jobs.

"When -- when can we be open again?" asked David Moler, 35, the owner of a river-rafting company who had approached a microphone. "All I hear is a handful of

'gonna-dos,' " he added. "What should I tell my employees?"

Mr. McGrath and his colleagues urged patience and assured residents that they would provide information about health risks once they had it. The agency, he said, is awaiting test results to determine whether the water poses a risk.

"We're going to continue to work until this is cleaned up," Mr. McGrath said, "and hold ourselves to the same standards that we would anyone that would have created this situation."

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Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australia has been criticized over its new greenhouse-gas reduction target which lags behind the ambitions of most wealthy

countries.

Lawmakers in Prime Minister Tony Abbott's conservative government on Tuesday agreed on a target of curbing carbon gas emissions to at least 26 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The target could go as high as 28 percent.

The target scales back a draft proposal to reduce Australian greenhouse-gas emissions by 30 percent in that period.

The U.S. has pledged to cut overall emissions 26 percent to 28 percent by 2025, compared to 2005.

Critics argue most wealthy countries have pledged larger reductions than Australia.

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Outlet Full Name: New Hampshire Union Leader Online

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News Headline: Wind-generated energy advancing at rapid rate |

Outlet Full Name: Washington Post, The

News Text: The Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, released last week, requires the country to use a lot more renewable energy by the year 2030 - and a lot less coal. Two reports published Monday by the Energy Department find that one key renewable sector - wind - is booming, a development that should help reduce carbon emissions.

The reports - including the 2014 Wind Technologies Market Report, published by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory - suggest that wind generation is being installed at a rapid rate, that its costs are plummeting, that its technologies are advancing and that it is creating a growing number of jobs.

Wind energy in the United States is 66 gigawatts of installed capacity, according to the report, providing about 5 percent of total U.S. electricity generation. That is enough electricity to power 17.5 million homes (a gigawatt is a billion watts). And, says Jose Zayas - who heads the wind and water power technologies office at the Energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 13 more gigawatts are "in the construction phase" and set to come online by 2016.

For comparison, in 2012, the United States had 1,063 gigawatts of total installed electricity capacity, according to the Energy Information Administration.

"It really dispels some of the past myths that you cannot have significant amounts of wind energy in the system - a variable source in the system - without really affecting the overall efficiency," Zayas said.

Wind provides 73,000 jobs, the report said. And most striking, it found that the

wholesale cost of wind energy - bought under a "power purchasing agreement," or PPA, in which a utility or company buys power from a wind farm under a long-term contract - is just 2.35 cents per kilowatt hour. That's the lowest it has ever been.

"At 2.35 cents per kilowatt hour, wind is cheaper than the average price of wholesale electricity in many parts of the country," says Ryan Wiser of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, a lead author of the new report.

Granted, it's important to note that costs would not be so low without the wind-energy production tax credit, or PTC, which covers wind projects that began by the close of 2014.

This may help explain why companies ranging from Google to Yahoo to Microsoft have been entering into power purchase agreements with wind farms to help power their energy-hungry data centers.

And even as costs decline, a key technology trend is helping further advance the sector. Simply put, wind turbines are getting taller, as well as bigger overall.

So-called "hub heights" - the level of the turbine's central rotor hub above the ground - have increased to an average of 82.7 meters for new turbine installations, which is nearly 50 percent higher than in 1998-1999. And the diameter of wind rotors has increased dramatically - newly installed turbines averaged a rotor diameter of 99.4 meters in 2014, a more-than 100 percent increase in size since 1998-1999.

Both of these trends increase the amount of electricity that can be generated from a given wind turbine, since there is more energy to be captured higher in the air (due to higher wind speeds), and since bigger rotors can also generate "more power at lower wind speeds," the DOE said.

"We want the largest rotor possible on the machine, and eventually, we want to go to higher elevation," said the DOE's Zayas. Ultimately, wind turbines with hubs as high as 140 meters could open up the possibility of wind energy across the 50 states, the DOE has previously reported.

It's all part of a bigger picture in which since 2007, a third of new electricity generating capacity in the United States has been from wind. The DOE has envisioned the possibility of getting fully 20 percent of the nation's electricity from wind by 2030.

A second DOE report released Monday, by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, focuses on the distributed wind-energy market - which, the report says, has nearly reached a gigawatt of installed capacity.

Distributed wind, like distributed solar, refers to energy - typically just one or two turbines - installed by private individuals or companies to allow them to generate a

portion of the electricity they need. Anheuser-Busch, for instance, has installed two wind turbines at its Northern California Fairfield brewery.

Wind isn't the only renewable sector booming. At least for its rate of growth lately, solar greatly surpasses it, with the electricity generated from solar in the United States doubling between 2013 and 2014. However, wind contributes a larger percentage of total electricity in the United States than does solar.

The Energy Department's report noted that wind generates more than 20 percent of electricity used in three states - Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. And in Iowa, it generated an impressive 28.5 percent in 2014.

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Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: DURHAM, N.H. (AP) - A \$6 million grant from the National Science Foundation program will fund a four-year study examining the future of dams in New England.

The grant was announced Monday by the University of New Hampshire. Paul Kirshen, a research professor of civil and environmental engineering at the university, will lead the project.

The study will look at strengthening connections between scientists and decision-makers about a number of options including maintaining existing hydropower dams, expanding hydropower capacity and removing aging dams to restore fisheries or reduce safety risks.

The project is an expansion of the New England Sustainability Consortium, adding Rhode Island to the partnership between Maine and New Hampshire. NEST started in 2013 to focus on the safety of coastal beaches and shellfish beds that are threatened by pollution.

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News Headline: Comment sought on New York county's proposed microbead ban |

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Cosmetic products with microbeads in them could soon disappear from store shelves in one western New York county.

The Erie County Legislature passed a ban on the tiny plastic balls found in things like facial scrubs and toothpaste last month. It would take effect in January.

The measure still needs County Executive Mark Poloncarz's signature. He's scheduled a hearing for Tuesday to seek public comment.

Supporters of the ban say the plastic particles are too fine to be caught in wastewater treatment plants and are flowing by the billions into the Great Lakes and other waterways. Scientists say they're also showing up inside fish that are caught for human consumption.

More widespread efforts to ban the beads are in the works in several states and Congress.

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News Headline: University of Arkansas to hold watershed forum |

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Arkansans who live, work or visit the L'Anguille River Watershed will have a chance to voice their concerns about water quality and water pollution there.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is hosting a forum Aug. 20 on the watershed, which covers parts of Craighead, Cross, Lee, Poinsett, St. Francis and Woodruff counties.

The L'Anguille River and other streams in the watershed, which is primarily used for agriculture, have high turbidity levels and sediment from runoff water.

The Arkansas Natural Resource Center's priority watershed program aims to reduce pollutants and restore all of a waterway's designated uses.

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News Headline: 13 states ask judge to delay new federal water rule |

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Thirteen states led by North Dakota asked a federal judge on Monday to delay a new rule that gives federal authorities jurisdiction over some state waters.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem filed a motion late Monday in

Bismarck seeking a preliminary injunction to prevent the rule from taking effect on Aug. 28.

Stenehjem said he was hopeful a judge will grant a hearing on the injunction within the next few days.

North Dakota is leading a lawsuit filed on June 29 challenging the Obama administration rule that gives federal agencies authority to protect some streams, tributaries and wetlands under the Clean Water Act. Stenehjem said the "Waters of the U.S." rule by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers is "unnecessary" and "unlawful." He said it does nothing to increase water quality in North Dakota and other states.

"The rule is perhaps the most controversial and widely objectionable rule that would usurp state and local control over vast reaches of water in North Dakota and across the nation," Stenehjem said in a statement. "It is an unnecessary and unlawful power grab by the federal government that will do nothing to increase water quality in North Dakota."

The rule is a response to calls from the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress for the EPA to clarify which smaller waterways are protected. The EPA says the new law aims to help landowners understand which waters fall under the Clean Water Act.

Landowners - and especially farmers - are worried even a ditch or puddle could fall under federal regulations.

Other states joining the lawsuit with North Dakota are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The request for a preliminary injunction comes after Stenehjem and attorneys general and officials from 30 states sent a letter last month to the EPA and the Army Corps asking that the new law be postponed at least nine months.

"A federal regulation of this scope and significance demands a thorough judicial review before imposing costly and disruptive burdens on the states and their citizens," the letter said.

The federal agencies have not responded to the letter.

Robert Dagguillard, an EPA spokesman in Washington, said Monday that his agency is still "carefully reviewing" it.

In addition to the lawsuit led by North Dakota, dozens of others have been filed by business, agriculture groups and others in at least eight U.S. district courts.

The EPA and the Army Corp have asked that the lawsuits be consolidated in a single district court.

Stenehjem said the request for an injunction he filed Monday also asks that the lawsuits not be consolidated.

"We think we have specific arguments," he said.

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News Headline: The toxic Colorado river spill and the menace of old hard-rock mines | .

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Outlet Full Name: Litchfield County Times - Online, The

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News Headline: Colorado mine spill three times worse than first reported; rivers declared disaster areas |

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News Headline: EPA spills 3 million gallons of toxic sludge in river |

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News Headline: Brooklyn company sues compost facility for alleged pollution |

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press (AP)

News Text: YAPHANK, N.Y. (AP) - A Brooklyn company that owns land near a compost facility on Long Island has sued the plant's corporation for allegedly polluting air and groundwater.

Newsday reports (<http://nwsdy.li/1gvxAdF>) the suit, filed last week in New York Supreme Court, claims Long Island Compost has failed to build a new food- and yard-waste processor that would reduce odors and pollution at its Yaphank facility.

The suit was filed on behalf of Elaine Farsiso LLC, which owns 26 acres of land in Yaphank. Also named as defendants were the Town of Brookhaven, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Great Gardens LLC.

The suit claims Long Island Compost's operation has "created a cloud of reputational taint over the property."

Charles Vigliotti, Long Island Compost president and chief executive, was not available for comment.

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News Headline: Bohenko: Portsmouth could be sued over irrigation meters |

Outlet Full Name: Hampton Union - Online, The

News Text: ...the city's push to create an approach to water usage that stresses sustainability, Bohenko said. "We're actually on one hand spending...

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News Text: Six species of butterflies in Britain will face population extinctions by

2050 because of climate change, a new study reports.

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News Headline: EPA: Estimated leak of mine waste into Colo. river tripled to 3 million gallons |

Outlet Full Name: Washington Post Online

News Text: The Environmental Protection Agency now estimates 3 million gallons of mine waste has leaked into Colorado's Animas River...

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